

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

Minutes of the Rules Committee

**Held at 1400 West Washington, Room 230, Phoenix, Arizona
at
8:00 a.m. on
September 23, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the Rules Committee of the board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Dr. Todd Rowe who was present by telephone. Also present by telephone was Dr. Martha Grout.

Christine Springer the Executive Director was physically present at the meeting room location. No other individual were present either by phone or in person.

II. Review and Consider Changes to Rules

The Committee reviewed a proposed rule draft of Chapter 38, Article 2, R4-38-201 to R4-38-206. The rules draft concerns Dispensing of drugs and natural substances.

Dr. Rowe commented that a definition of 'dispense' should be included in the *Definitions* described in Section R4-38-201.

Both Dr. Grout and Dr. Rowe agreed that proposed Section R4-38-204 should provided guidance on prescribing and dispensing requirements for prescription-only drugs or devices, and controlled substances. They discussed and agreed that a new Section R4-38-205 be created to give guidance for the prescribing and dispensing requirements for homeopathic remedies or natural substances.

Dr. Rowe suggested that Subsection C in Section 204 which discusses the purchase of controlled substances, prescription-only drugs, or prescription-only devices from a manufacturer or distributor approved by the USFDA or a properly permitted Arizona pharmacy would not apply to certain homeopathic remedies or natural substances since some of these are obtained overseas. Both committee members agreed that this subsection should not be included as language for Section 205.

There was a brief discussion of the Codex Alimentarius , a small global agency that establishes international standards for substances potentially harmful to human health and the environment—that is, food additives, chemicals, pesticides, and contaminants

standards. They discarded this idea as too voluminous if the Board were to consider incorporating the materials by reference.

Both committee members agreed that a definition of dispensing should be included, that a new section (R4-338-205) would be added to provide information relating to dispensing homeopathic remedies and natural substances, and that Section R4-38-204 be changed to relate specifically to prescribing and dispensing of prescription-only drugs or devices, and controlled substances.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. after both committee members agreed there was no further business.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Springer
Executive Director

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 9, 2010**